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FASTENING A DRYING BASKET ON A CLOTHES  
DRYER

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DE 40 34 660 discloses that a dryer includes drum, which rotates on a horizontal axis, and a loading opening at the front. The opening is closed by a door or a flap and the inner space behind the door or the flap has stationary mountings for laundry basket(s), which can be inserted into the drum interior. The loading opening is surrounded by a front-side bearing bracket resembling a frame. The bearing bracket or the door or the flap has contours that deviate from the circular line round the revolution axis of the drum. The contours form a form-locking connection with the shape of the washing basket front.

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Examiner Initials*	Cite No.1	Foreign Patent Document	Publication Date MM-DD-YYYY	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages Or Relevant Figures Appear	†
		Country Code*Number**Kind Code*(if known)	05/07/1992	Klaus Grunert et al		
		DE 40 34 660				
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